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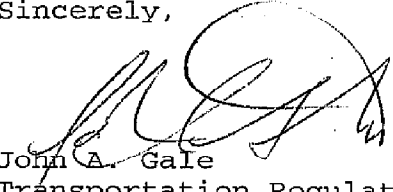
Dear Mr. Fattah:

This is in response to your November 11, 2003, letter regarding the training requirements specified under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you ask if training can be given in a language other than English such as Spanish.

The answer is yes. The HMR do not forbid training under Part 172, Subpart H from being given in a language other than English.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Mazzullo:

RE: DOT Hazardous Materials Training In foreign languages

The DOT requires several types of training for people who deal with hazardous materials including, but not limited to, awareness training and job specific training. To satisfy the requirements of the training per DOT, does the hazardous materials training have to be given in English or can it be taught in a different language such as Spanish.

Thank you in advance for you response.

Thanks,

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